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To Our Readers.

THERE is not anything that can more clearly prove the truth of Astrology than the singular events which seem to attend the lives of some persons. Some there are who seem to go through life with the greatest success and prosperity, while the whole existence of others seems to be attended with obstacles and adversity. Some seem to be incessantly subject to accidents, while others again never appear to receive injury from such, although often actually much exposed to danger from perils by sea, and engagements, as in the case of Napoleon Bonaparte, the Duke of Wellington, Washington, and others which might be mentioned. Some also seem to be really destined to be continually occupied in traveling, and in visiting foreign countries, while others are more settled and never remove or travel more than a few miles from the place of their birth. The whole course of existence of some individuals are but a manifold succession of continual disasters, obstacles and disappointments.

Thousands to whom no blame can be attached on account of injudicious or improper conduct, are injured, and eventually ruined, by a strange and singular concatenation of circumstances, which no human prudence could avert.— Certain periods and seasons are more than usually disastrous and evil to certain people. An apparent fatality or train of disastrous circumstances, often runs through whole families, members of whom, frequently die together, through the sympathy in their horoscopes. Some seasons are notoriously remarkable for heat and dryness; wet and cold, at other times, malaria, floating as it were in the air, causes unusual mortality. To ascribe such events to the will of Providence alone, is merely an equivocation. Providence, no doubt, by his divine will, rules over all things, but we are not the less honoring it by unravelling the mighty machinery of the stars and planets, which are the secondary causes in the hands of the Almighty to govern the universe. Providence wills it to be so; this we grant, but these are the means by which he effects his sublime purpose. The study of the astral sciences alone enables persons to foretell circumstances enshrouded in the womb of futurity. Doubtless it may be affirmed that there is an advantage in learning both for the usefulness and the pleasure thereof. Even the mere gratification of curiosity, the knowing more to-day than we knew yesterday, the understanding clearly what before

seemed obscure and puzzling, the contemplation of general truths, and the compounding together of different things, is an agreeable occupation of the mind, and besides, the present enjoyment elevates the faculties above vulgar pursuits, purifies and refines the passions, and helps our reason to assuage their violence. Hence the utility of judicial Astrology; since the calculation of a nativity presents a most scientific and ingenious, as well as curious process.— So admirable in all its parts, and so beautiful in itself as to strike the mind even with wonder;—the data on which the astrologer's predictions are founded being mathematically and philosophically deduced from an analysis of the cycles, arcs, and evolutions of the heavenly bodies, as they move forward through the etherial fields of celestial space. Astral science is, in fact, the most sublime of all the sciences, and shines forth with unblemished lustre, when applied to the sublunary fate of mortals, since it not only leads us to examine our own feelings but will in almost every instance, also, afford consolations in the troubles of this transitory life; and this too by lawful means, as lawful as the most innocent amusements of society. Yet it must be borne in mind, to gain a thorough knowledge of this sublime science requires patience and application of the severest kind, and the prolonged use of *much valuable* time. It will be our object in the present work to explain the rules and principles of this science (astrology) and to illustrate the same, in all cases by figures and diagrams, similar to those in the present number. Our plan and intentions will in a great measure be seen from the matter in the present Horoscope.

This month we have given the nativity of Napoleon Bonaparte, with the proper figure or diagram, and the figure respecting the steamer Atlantic, likewise an illustration of the astronomical and astrological subjects which we considered would be instructive and interesting to all. This will be followed up by giving the nativities of eminent and public characters, both of this country and Europe, and of the past, as well of the present period. It will be seen we wish to give general satisfaction and to create an interest for the work. Although an additional expense has been created in getting up the work by furnishing the astronomical characters, the price will not be advanced but will remain as usual five cents. We are glad in being enabled to state our little periodical for March has been well received, and has been most highly and flatteringly commended. We may again add, no labor or pains on our part shall be spared to make the work interesting and instructive to all, on the subjects to which it proposes to treat, namely Astrology and Phrenology.

We hope the public, and the lovers of science in particular, will render us the necessary support and assistance to carry out the object. We are, however, determined to give the case a fair trial. If every person who professes to take an interest in the science would purchase an additional copy or two and distribute them to their friends, it would be of great advantage to the publicity of the book, and would be of far more importance in contributing to the lustre of the "Star," than at the first glance it might seem. In this case the illustrations and diagrams could not fail to induce those who have the least taste for science, or regard for the mysterious, to purchase the work in future.— Should this method be adopted we should soon see the "Star" shine with great brilliancy. With these few remarks we again present the Horoscope to the public.

Good and Evil Days of the Month of April.

“ Fortune at some hours to all is kind.

The lucky have whole days, which still they choose,

The unlucky have but hours, and those they lose.”

DRYDEN.

1st. A very unfortunate and threatening day for almost all matters, particularly for business, commencing new undertakings, signing papers, removals, marriage, speculating, traveling, making promises, appointments. Business commenced on this day will prove a failure.

2nd. The influences yet continue very unfortunate ; be cautious of quarrels ; do not deal with elderly persons ; very evil to love affairs, traveling, taking land or houses, collecting money, asking favors, making agreements ; be cautious of treachery. It is a very dangerous time for a person falling sick. The child born on this day will be subject to diseases in the head and eyes.

3rd and 4th. Fortunate for the ladies, love matters, courtship, marriage, appointments, speculating, beginning business, asking favors, removals, partnerships, and transacting law business. Promises made will be fulfilled.

5th. Unfavorable for courtship, marriage, appointments, writing, obtaining situations, preferment, signing papers, traveling, and speculations. It is evil to the fair sex.

6th. Propitious for marriage, asking favors, traveling, making promises, writing, proposals in love. It is very fortunate for the ladies.

7th and 8th. Very fortunate and promising in almost all respects, pleasure parties, speculating, commencing business, partnerships, applying for offices, asking favors of the rich, making agreements, removing, collecting money, making promises, dealing with elderly people, courtship, marriage, writing, commencing studies, appointments ; fortunate for musicians and actors, and the fair sex. Also for sending letters.

9th and 10th. The aspects could scarcely be worse or more unpromising for almost all things, defer business if possible ; beware of quarrels and accidents from fire ; unfavorable for surgical operations, speculations, collecting money, making agreements, leasing houses or lands, promises, commencing any new undertaking, writing, signing papers or deeds, marriage, love affairs, appointments, transacting business with elderly persons ; very unfortunate to farmers and cattle dealers, and to the ladies ; beware of designing persons. It is very dangerous to those falling sick.

11th. A very flattering and promising day. You may pursue business with confidence, success will attend your efforts. It is very fortunate also for the ladies, asking favors of them, also for love affairs, sending letters, applying for offices, speculating ; promises made will be kept. Collect money.

12th. Fortunate in all respects but marriages and love matters; do not ask favors of the ladies this day, not good for appointments, fortunate for mercurial people, as authors, actors, merchants, store-keepers, and for speculating and writing.

13th. The indications are of a very evil nature; beware of quarrels, and of designing persons; also very evil to courtship, marriage, traveling, appointments, writing, signing papers; accidents likely to occur. Ladies be cautious of treachery.

14th. Void of lunar aspects. All matters it is said progress slowly when the moon is void of aspect.

15th and 16th. Two of the worst days in the whole month. Defer business if you can over this date. It is also very unfortunate to marriage, courtship, promises, and asking favors of the ladies, speculations, removing, and making agreements, and traveling.

17th and 18th. Very propitious for martial people, applying for offices, asking favors, writing, and business generally, particularly for the fair sex; also for love matters, marriage, appointments, collecting money, seeking employment, favors and signing papers, also for renting lands or houses.

19th. The prophetic messengers yet continue favorable in all respects, but marriage and love matters. It is evil to ladies in making promises, or in asking favors of them, likewise for appointments.

20th. A very fortunate day indeed, you may marry, ask favors of the ladies, write, and travel, promises made this day will be fulfilled. A fortunate time for proposing in courtship; also for appointments.

21st. Not a very important day. It is not favorable for persons under the planet Jupiter, as woollen manufacturers, woollen drapers, and shipping merchants. It is not good to speculate or collect money, or send letters, nor seek favors.

22nd. The benevolent influence predominates; favorable for business generally, and marriage, love affairs, seeking favors of the great, collecting money, making arrangements in partnerships. You may do business with confidence, likewise fortunate for appointments.

23rd. Do not ask favors, seek employments, nor deal with elderly persons, nor ask favors of the ladies; marriages effected on this day would be attended with unhappiness. You would not succeed with business transactions.

24th and 25th. The aspects could scarcely be more promising or fortunate for business generally, and traveling; also speculating, asking favors, courtship, marriage, appointments, renting houses or land, making agreements, signing deeds, taking leases, removing, collecting debts.

26th. Ask favors, speculate, travel, write, commence studies. It is also fortunate to marriage, and love matters, seeking favors of the ladies; promises made on this day may be depended on.

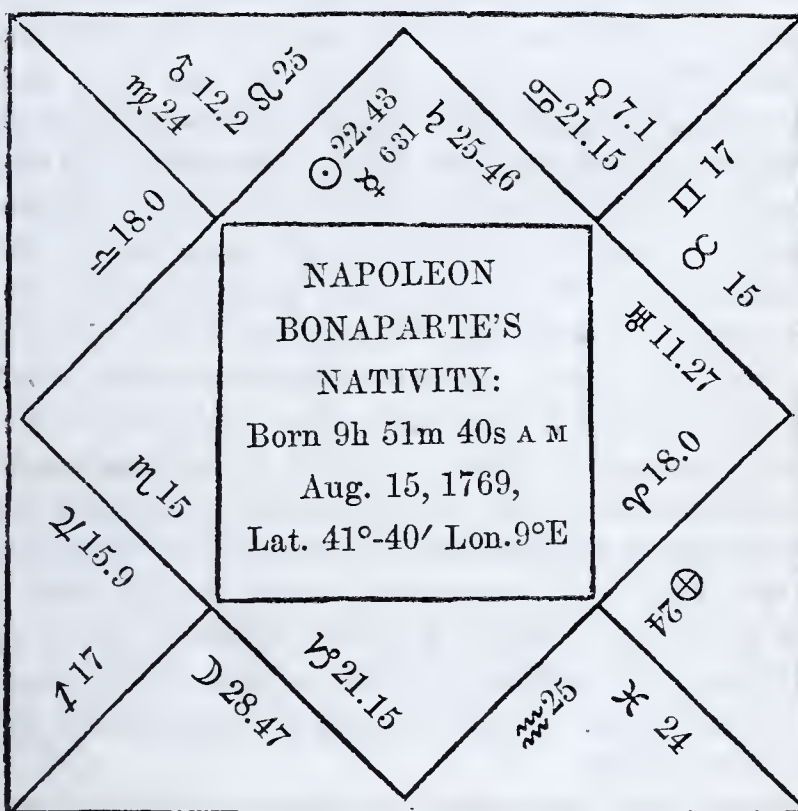
27th. The most fortunate and promising day in the month, particularly to marriage, love matters, asking favors of the ladies, writing, traveling, and

appointments. The child born on this day would be much attached to music and the fine arts.

28th and 29th. Also is extremely fortunate for business generally. Yet accidents by fire are likely to occur, and from travelling.

30th. A most pernicious and threatening day, defer business if possible. It is also very unfortunate to the fair sex; for asking favors of them, also for courtship, marriage, and appointments; promises made on this day are only stated with the intention of deceiving. Beware of treachery.

Napoleon's Nativity.*



“But where is he, the modern, mightier far,
Who born no king, made monarchs draw his car;
Yes! where is he, the champion and the child
Of all that's great or little, wise or wild?
Whose game was empires, and whose stakes were thrones;
Whose table, earth—whose dice were human bones!
Behold the grand result in yon lone Isle,
And as thy nature urges, weep or smile.

BYRON.

We insert this nativity principally to show the truth of the rules of Astrology and the power of the planets over the greatest Potentates, as well as the meanest and most oppressed of human beings, likewise as it points out clearly the manner of his death. The student will notice cardinal signs occupy the angles of the horoscope. There are no less than five planets angular, the Sun which is the principal significator of honor, eminence, and popularity is in a masculine sign, his own dignity Leo, and angular in the mid-heaven. The testimonies

(*See Engraving in front.)

here stated could not more positively have pointed out the amazing success which he experienced for a time, and the extraordinary power and influence to which he attained at one period. Yet at the same time the disastrous and melancholy end of this extraordinary person was as clearly and as palpably foreshown as it is possible for rules to express. It will be observed the powerful and malific Saturn is in the tenth house, the house of honor, and in evil aspect (opposition) with the Moon from the fourth angle. His defeat and final disgrace was here most truly and definitely pointed out, and which was predicted by several French Astrologers many years before its occurrence, and which cannot be contradicted or refuted by any opponent, since the effects are in strict accordance with the rules of Astrology. The mind and disposition is no less indicated from the positions and aspects in this natus. It will be found Mercury, which rules the mind, is in a fixed sign and angular in aspect with the planet Herschel. This accounts for that most shrewd, cunning, and penetrating turn of mind, for which he was so remarkable, and which seems to have been so conspicuous in all his actions, and also for that firm, unflinching and most resolute purpose of disposition for which he has been proverbial in so much, as in many instances to disregard the advice or counsel of his nearest friends, even on the most serious and important affairs, as in the instance of the advice which was offered to dissuade him, by his friends, from the expedition to Russia. On this occasion one of his family after having failed in dissuading the Emperor from taking this fatal step, became so excited and exasperated at such stubbornness, in the excitement of the moment he took a valuable watch and dashing it in a thousand pieces on the floor, exclaimed, it would be as impossible for him to restore the broken watch to its original state as it would be for the Emperor to succeed with the contemplated expedition against Russia, and which any one might have discovered if not entirely blinded by infatuation or ambition. This trait in his propensities seems to have been the cause of his misfortunes and of his ultimate disgrace; however, this and his too quick and precipitate manner of rushing into new projects, entirely regardless of the results or the consequences, depending wholly it would seem on good fortune for the realisation of his hopes.

In again referring to the unfortunate termination of his course, it is stated in the Grammar of Astrology, should the benevolent Jupiter be in the tenth house, this alone would cause the person to be extremely prosperous through life, to become exceedingly eminent and wealthy, although the person may be of humble origin.

Should the malific Saturn, however, it also states, be in the tenth house instead of Jupiter, it will terminate in the most fatal results, and would bring him to shame and beggary, particularly if he should at the same time be in evil aspect with the Moon (which is the case in this natus,) although he might be in the highest station of life. Unpleasantness or unhappiness resulting from the marriage state is also very strictly described by the affliction of Venus in Cancer, and the opposition of the Moon with the malific Saturn. She is also next applying to an evil aspect (opposition) of the planet Mercury and the Sun. This position is very similar to that which occurred in the nativity of Lord Byron, and which we so particularly described in our March Horoscope. Josephine the most gifted, talented, and beauteous wife of Bonaparte, is here designated by the planet Mercury, and from the various likenesses

which I have seen of this eminent and amiable lady, the aspects could not by any means have described her more truly, as well personally as mentally.—The Moon applying by an evil opposition to Mercury, denotes the unfortunate results with which this marriage was terminated, namely by divorce. It has been thought this woman was principally the organ of the Emperor's success and good fortune, but who was wickedly sacrificed to his caprice and ambition. From the very day of his divorce his good fortune appears to have deserted him, and at last he died a dejected and wretched exile on a barren rock. This might be a warning to ambitious, soulless men: beware how you treat your wives. It has also been said the principal pretext for obtaining the divorce, was, because the Empress had not issue. In reference to this it will be observed the significator Mercury is in the eleventh house, the house of children, being the fifth from the seventh, and in a barren sign Leo, the Sun also being in that house and in the barren sign above mentioned. The Sun is likewise said to be a principle significator of children.* There is another singular circumstance of astral influence in reference to this nativity which must not be passed over in silence. We allude to that great and resplendent comet of 1811, just previous to the French expedition against Russia. This phenomenon transited the constellation Libra at that period, the ascendant of the Emperor's nativity. Could any thing, (observes Raphael,) appear more stable than the monarchy of France in 1811. But at the meridian of Napoleon's glory a comet of prodigious character came to witness his eminent station. Returning from its perihelion, that magnificent luminary became faintly perceptible, at the beginning of September, in 1811, at which time it had acquired 20 degrees of celestial north latitude, and was then vertical in the latitude of Corsica, and the southern extremity of natural France. Its splendor continued to increase until it had reached 48 degrees of latitude, at which time, blazing with unspeakable splendor it hovered upon the latitude of Paris; having traversed the heavens in such a track as to reign vertically over every point of latitude from south to north of France; let it be strictly noticed, that its highest degree of lustre was at that precise time when it was on the meridian and zenith of Paris, at noon-day. It again retreated towards the south, retracing back again the whole of FRANCE till it vanished over the latitude of CORSICA. Can any reflecting mind fail to associate the appearance of this illustrious messenger of the skies, with the fate of Napoleon; let it also be remembered that during the few latter weeks of his life, whilst the spirit of his mortal existence was gradually evaporating, the same blazing star of fate again appeared, as though it came, a bark launched on the calm, wide, azure sea of heaven, to meet his soul expiring, and bear it hence to its realm of rest. Let its *errand be what it might*, these facts we know—that at his birth it ministered—it came again and testified his fame—once more it came to *beam upon his bier!*

The manner and cause of his death is very strikingly designated, the Sun which is giver of life designates when forming the fatal conjunction with Venus, being also conjoined with the powerful and malevolent planet Saturn, at the same time in Cancer denotes diseases of the breast or stomach, as Cancer, rules

*An excellent Phrenological description is given of Napoleon and the Empress Josephine in Fowler's work on Phrenology, New York, and F. Coomb's work on Phrenology. We would particularly recommend those works to all those who have any inclination or taste for this science. The price of Fowler's Phrenological work is one dollar, F. Coomb's is fifty cents.

that part of the body. Yet when the positions are such as are found in this horoscope, Ptolemy states, the person will be in great danger of death from poison. He adds, if either one or both the luminaries be afflicted by the malifics in an angle, in certain constellations as the cloudy spot of Cancer, &c., the native will be extremely liable to a violent death. And should the planet in an angle thus afflicting be Saturn, and in the mid-heaven death will be likely to ensue by confinement or from imprisonment; should Venus also attach herself to Saturn, (which is the case in this instance,) he would be likely to cause death by *poison*, or from taking poison by *mistake*, or from *treachery*.

The rules of Astrology in the same author state, when Venus is in conjunction with Saturn, and the Moon in evil aspect with them, it predisposes the person to licentiousness. This is indicated also by the rules of Phrenology, as may be seen in the bust or cast of the head of this person, given in Fowler's and F. Coomb's Phrenological works. He had the animal organs, or those of amateness very fully and powerfully developed, also the organs of secretiveness and firmness or resolution.

It will be noticed the evil planet Mars is 12 degrees, and the malevolent planet Saturn is near 26 degrees. The years corresponding to these in his life were extremely unfortunate and afflictive. Near 42 he commenced the expedition against Russia, which proved the principle cause of his future misfortunes and of his final overthrow. The principal disaster and final defeat at Waterloo, occurred in the 46th year, and he terminated his earthly existence in his 52nd year. Pythagoras an eminent and ancient philosopher and Astrologer, and the originator of the copernican system of Astronomy, believed the virtue and the power of numbers to be very great, and that in short every thing in the world depends on, and is regulated by such, even the laws and the principles of the universe itself. It will be seen the year of birth added in the following manner always points to an eventful period. It is especially correct in the case of this nativity. Napoleon was born in 1769 and added in the manner above alluded to, it will be found very correct

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This corresponds to the time of the revolution in France, when he received his first appointment in the army, and the time he visited Corsica. The next period to which it will correspond, adding in a similar way, is 1811, the disastrous period of the Russian expedition. The next which it will correspond to is 1822, near the time of his death.

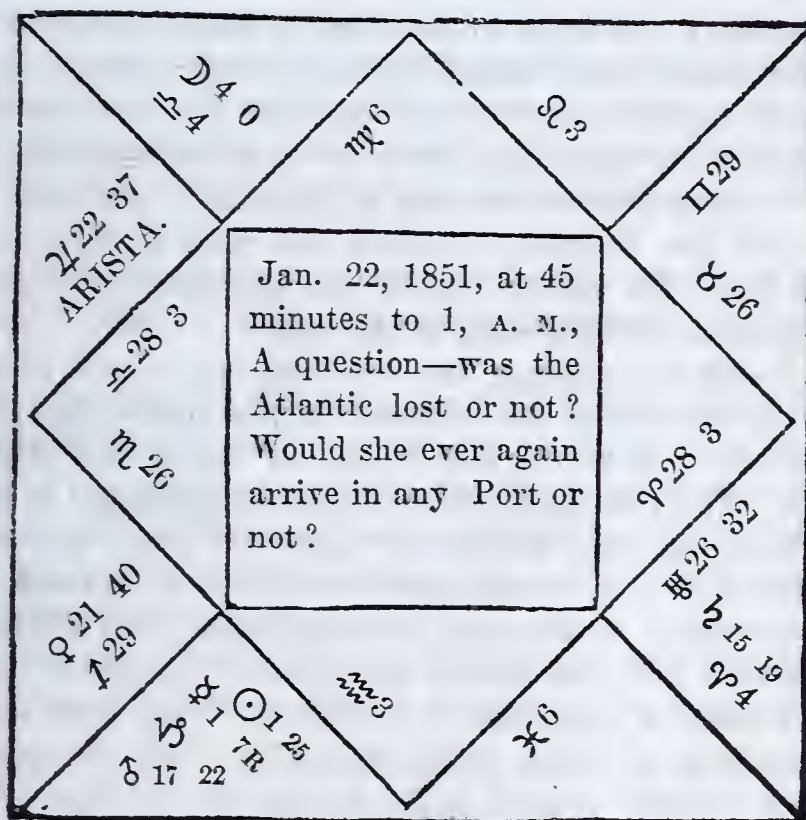
We will now add the directions in this nativity:

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Sun to sextile the benevolent orb of Venus	23	11,	25	5,	made General of French Armies.
Sun to sextile the benevolent orb of Jupiter	23	36,	25	9,	
Sun to sesquiquadrate of Moon D. D.	27	14,	30	3,	
Sun to conjunction of malific Saturn conv.	27	37,			Defeated in Egypt; fled in disgrace; nearly captured.
M. C. to conjunction of Sun	32	5,	35	3,	Crowned Emperor.

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Asc. to conjunction of benev. planet Jupiter	34	17,	37	8,	June 1807, vast, unheard of success.
Sun to parallel of malific Saturn, conv.	36	33,	40	2,	Great danger.
Sun to trine of the Moon to zodiac	37	29,	41	3,	Great victories in Austria, &c.
Moon to trine of the benev. Venus in zod.					Married the Emperor's daughter.
Sun to parallel of the malific Saturn, D. D.	39	6,	42	6,	Expedition to Russia, defeated,
Sun to parallel of Moon, conv.			43	0,	and danger, &c.
Sun to parallel of Moon, D. D.	40	25,	44	6,	Abdication.
Sun to rapt parallel of the malific Mars	41	41,	45	11,	Battle of Waterloo.
Asc. to sextile of Moon	42	43,	47	0,	Long sea voyage.
Moon to opposition of the malific Mars	44	12,	48	7,	Cruelly treated while in prison by Governor Lowe.
Sun to square of Venus, zod.	46	9,	50	10,	Sickness and death, during the
Sun to conjunction of Venus, conv.	46	42,	51	4,	above time and in his sick-
Sun to semi-square of his own place, in zod.	46	51,	57	7,	ness he suffered very cruel
Sun to parallel of Mercury, conv.	47	14,	52	0,	treatment—1821.

Thus We conclude the nativity of Napoleon the Emperor, who ignobly fought to aggrandize himself. By the power he acquired he could have liberated Europe. By selfish ambition he perished miserably.

The Steamer Atlantic.



—“There are times
When man would give his life a willing price,
To know the chance that but an hour might bring.”

According to promise in the March number we insert the Figure cast for the safety of the Steamer Atlantic, considering it to be a most singular and striking proof of the truth of the rules of Astrology. It will be remembered, we predicted, the safety of the Atlantic in the Philadelphia “Sunday Dispatch”

of January 26, 1851, and also stated she had been driven south, which certainly was correct. The fact is, there was two figures cast regarding this Steamer; the one which was alluded to in the "Sunday Dispatch," January 26, was set for January 24, at 9h 52m P. M., by our other partner (at that time.) Not knowing in the least that we had previously cast a figure for the same object. It is, however, a most singular and striking circumstance, that the same sign was ascending in the second figure as in the first. Consequently the same planet ruling the vessel in both questions. The same planet (Mercury,) was also ruler of the ninth house in both cases, and the ninth house is said to be the house which bears rule over ships and long journeys, sea voyages. And it is very remarkable, the planet in each case was retrograde, which might signify she would return again to some European port. It is stated in the rules of Astrology, if a person in removing from a house or situation, or in going on long journies, or in a vessel leaving port be designated by a retrograde planet, they will be obliged by some means to return. If a person, they would not settle in the situation they were entering into. The rule applies in this figure. It is frequently asserted by the opponents to the science, and especially by professors of religion, that it is impious and wicked, even to wish to know the events of futurity, even if it were possible to tell such. If this is so, all must then be very impious and wicked, for we feel confident that almost every one in the United States was very anxious indeed to know the fate of the missing Steamer.

In again referring to the figure in question, we found the lady of the ascendant Venus in the second house, almost in exact sextile with the powerful and benevolent planet Jupiter, near the ascendant with the benevolent and powerful fixed star Arista, a definite and certain proof the Steamer was not lost but would arrive. Venus likewise disposes of the moon, and Luna is in exact trine with the sun and Mercury, a further and more positive testimony the vessel was not lost. The malific planets are also cadent, consequently not having power to operate injuriously in this case.

In Gadbury's work on Astrology, the following rule occurs in reference to a ship at sea: If the lord of the ascendant in your figure shall *be free from affliction and fortunate*, in sextile with Jupiter or Venus, the ship is not *lost* but shall *return*. This rule applies in the figure in question. It is from such facts and results as the above that we are induced to place any confidence in Astrology. Here then is an evident and decided test of its truth, which cannot be denied or refuted by the most stubborn skeptic, and will express more than if fifty volumes had been written in defence of the science *pro* and *con*; one plain fact is worth a vessel load of argument. This, however, would all have gone for nothing, provided, we should not have had the spirit to advertise the result in a public journal in the manner we did Jan. 26. This we consider ought at least, to be some proof, we have confidence in the science which we adopt as a profession. Or if we wished to proceed on the same principle which that cheat and impostor in Locust St. does, it would have been bad policy indeed to have risked our reputation and occupation in such a way, had we not considered the science we profess, to be based on truth. We should not have been so *dumb* as not to be aware if the prediction failed, "Othello's occupation had then been gone," and as an American would express it, we should have been obliged to have "cleared out."

We may add not one of the Philadelphia papers would insert the above

article. We were obliged to pay for it as an advertisement, although they could find abundance of room for ridiculous statements from mesmerizers, and from persons who had professed to have been in the mesmeric sleep. One statement of those individuals, was that the steamer Atlantic had taken fire when only four days out, that she was entirely destroyed by such, and that only one or two had escaped to tell the tale.

Voice of the Stars for April.

The starry messengers are extremely evil for Great Britain. England especially, causing much unsettledness for the legislators, and excitement for the people; to the agriculturists especially. And as Mars enters Aries in the latter part of the month it will be yet worse. One of royalty in Europe quits the stage of life. There will be great excitement here again from religious matters, as Jupiter is retrograde and in opposition with the evil Saturn. Tremendous injury and destruction to shipping and sea-faring persons; also to travelers, and mostly to those who travel by railroads. Great mortality is denoted from diseases of the bowels. Also, diseases of the head and eyes will be very prevalent.

The whole of Europe seems to be in a ferment and in the greatest turmoil, and amongst the number France and Italy will be most conspicuous. Hostilities are again shown for India, and new disasters also for China. It seems rather more favorable to the United States; and also for trade. There, however, will be much opposition and differences amongst legislators here. Some grand and extensive invention in the Chemical or Mechanical science is brought out.

Those places will prosper now which are ruled by Libra, the sign which Jupiter is in—as Savoy, Turkey, Vienna, Lisbon, and Charleston, in the United States.

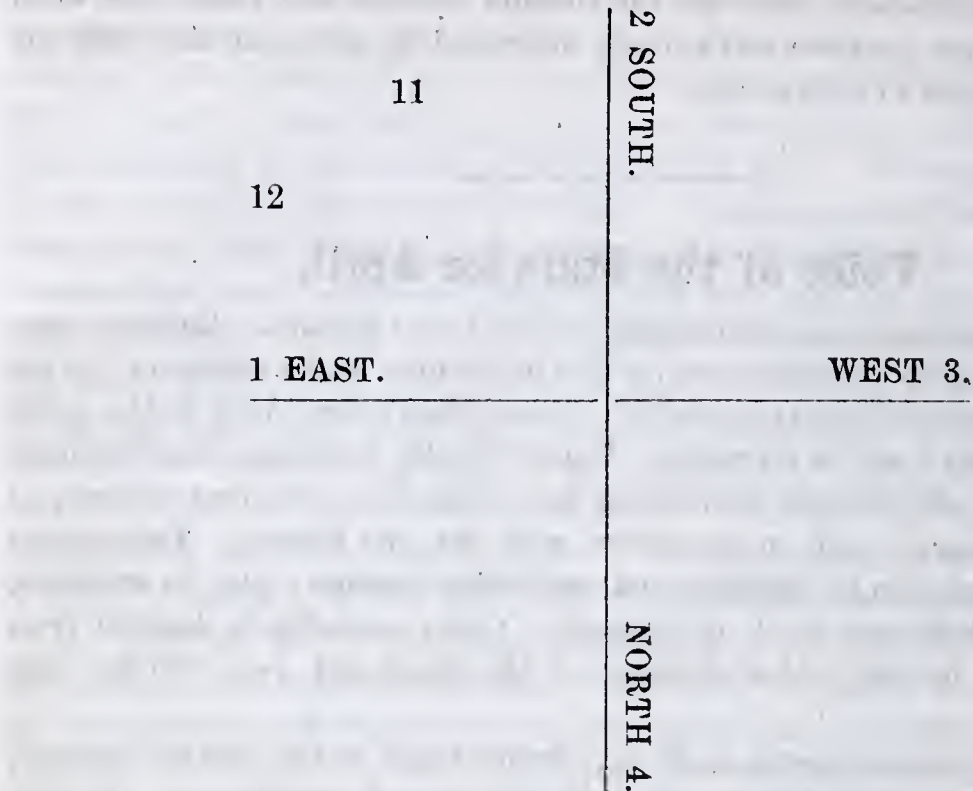
All persons will be much injured or meet with affliction who are born in the fore part of April of any year; but more particularly, from the 9th to 20th, as there are so many evil planets in Aries, the place of the Sun, in their nativities. Those will be fortunate born in the fore part of October in any year, or from the 3rd to 22nd, as they will have the benevolent Jupiter passing over the Sun's place, in their horoscopes.

A tremendous number of deaths and destruction from fires and explosions. Likewise the death of some one high in power or in the legislature.

Know Thyself.

The proper method to accomplish this is to study Phrenology, and the best work on this subject we have yet seen is "The American Phrenological Journal," published by Fowler and Wells, New York, only one dollar a year, and ten cents a single. We consider it ought to be in the possession of every one and read by every one. If such was the case we might safely say the community at large would soon be in a much more elevated state, mentally, morally and physically, than the position in which we now see them. It ought also, above all, to be placed in all the schools throughout the United States. It has already deservedly acquired a most extensive circulation throughout the States. We may add we sincerely wish it every success.

An Explanation of the Astrological and Astronomical Aspects.



It being a general opinion with the masses, that the whole system of Astrology is a fraud and a delusion, and that the aspects which have been invented by its writers are wholly arbitrary and chimerical, and has no foundation either in nature or reason, we concluded it would not be time thrown away to endeavour to give an explanation of the aspects and the theory upon which they are based. The aspects in the Zodiac consist of certain distances, at which, when two bodies are found, they produce a peculiar effect. Many objections have been made to this part of the science. The adversaries asserting that these aspects are merely arbitrary measures, and that they have not any foundation in nature, there being no difference whatever in Mathematics between the distance of 120 degrees, and the distance of 122 degrees, which can be the foundation of that peculiar effect which Astrologers declare that the aspect called Trine does produce. The objection is not of any great consequence; for if it can be proved (which it certainly can) that when the Moon, for example, arrives at a Trine aspect of the benevolent planet Jupiter, or 120 degrees from that orb in any nativity, certain remarkable effects appear which do not appear when she arrives the distance of 122 or 123, or any other number of degrees; this *fact* demonstrates that there is something peculiar in the angle formed by 120 degrees which constitute a Trine aspect.

Zadkiel, in one of his works observes, having closely investigated this subject, I have discovered a very remarkable peculiarity in the angles which form both the *old* and *new* aspects. The fact is that *every Astrological aspect forms the exact angle, or supplemental angle, of a regular polygon, which may be inscribed in a circle.** Thirty degrees a semi-sextile, the supplemental angle of a regular duodecagon, or figure of twelve sides.

*These angles of the regular forms of geometry are those under the superior metals crystallize. Water crystallizes at an angle of 60 degrees that of the trine aspect.

Forty-five degrees is a *semi-square* the supplemental angle of a regular octagon or figure of eight sides.

Sixty degrees, a sextile, the angle of a regular tri-angle, or figure of three sides.

Ninety degrees a square, the angle of a regular quad-rangle or figure of four sides.

One hundred and twenty degrees, a trine, the angle of a regular hexagon, or figure of six sides.

One hundred and thirty-five degrees, a sesqui-quadrangle, the angle of a regular octagon, or figure of eight sides.

One hundred and forty-four degrees, a bi-quintile, the angle of a regular decagon or figure of ten sides.

One hundred and eighty degrees, the *opposition*, the amount of two right angles, which is the sum of the three angles of every tri-angle.

This is a very curious and remarkable agreement between the aspects and the angles of regular polygons; and those who understand geometry, and who reflect on the properties of the tri-angle and other polygons, and on the nature of the circle itself will find in it room for admiration of the works of the Almighty Creator.

The student will perceive that these facts are more especially offered as proof that the aspects are not *arbitrary*, but are indeed intimately connected with the great principles of geometry, upon which the architecture of the universe itself is founded.

Pursuing the subject in reference to the houses of the figure or horoscope, we will endeavor to explain the principle from which they are derived, and on what they are based.

In order to illustrate plainly to the reader what Astrologers mean by the "Houses of Heaven," it is proper for him to bear in mind, that, there are *four* cardinal points in the mundane circle of the earth round her own axis, which is not only demonstrable to reason, but known to every one; these are, the exact line wherein the Sun (speaking according to the course of custom) *rises in the morning, where he comes to the meridian or mid-day, where he sets in the evening of the same day, and where he comes to the Nadir, twelve o'clock, or midnight line.* The *first* of these, that is, the line (or imaginary line) which is level with the horizon (figure 1) *when the sun rises*, is the Astrologer's *first house*, or first grand angle, termed the Horoscope or ascendant. The second point, or the degree, when he is at his highest altitude, which invariably is in every latitude *at noon-day* (figure 2,) is the Astrologer's *tenth house*, or mid-heaven, and most powerful angle, or house of honor. Pursuing the same course, the apparent line level with the horizon, (figure 3) *when the sun sets*, constitutes the *seventh house* in the sidereal art, being the third grand angle, and setting horizon or descendant. Again, *at midnight*, the Sun arrives to the *cusp* or line of the lower heaven, or nadir (figure 4,) or as Astrologers term it, the Imum Coeli and *fourth house*. These four cardinal points, as before observed, all men are sensibly aware of, and the most inveterate critic, will, we presume, allow us in this instance to hold our proposition undisputed; since, although we cannot in the "ethereal blue" discern these said lines or terminating divisions, both reason and experience (leaving mathematical science out of the

question) assure us that they certainly exist ; therefore the Astrologer has certain grounds for the choice of his four *angular houses*, which, resembling the palpable demonstration they afford, (even to the most bigoted incredulist) are in the Astral science esteemed the most powerful of the whole.

Now at the *equator*, where the sun is vertical, and all celestial arcs are measured by rect-angles, equal parts of the zodiac pass through the great circle of the equator in equal times, or in other words, every house of heaven would contain just *thirty* degrees ; but in every other part of the globe, the oblique inclination of the earth in her orbit, (which causes the length and shortness of our days) causes the Sun *apparently* to rise earlier, and set later at one period of the year than another ; and this causes his semi-diurnal arc, or the apparent space *between sun rising and noon*, to be greater or less, as the year advances or decreases ; therefore, when the time of sun rising is obtained, and subtracted from *noon-day*, it is self-evident the difference will give a certain space of time, which in hours and minutes, constitute *half the day*. This space of time the Astrologer next turns into degrees and minutes, (by multiplying each hour by fifteen degrees of the equator, and the minutes in proportion) which measured *on the tropic of Cancer*, and divided into *two* other equal parts, causes the space between sun-rise and noon-day to have three equal divisions, thus constituting two other houses of heaven, namely, the eleventh and twelfth houses. The same method is pursued on the same principles, with the remaining part of the great diurnal and nocturnal circle, giving for the result, the whole of the twelve celestial houses, which thus are proved to be neither visionary nor imaginary, *but founded on truths, as solid and substantial, as the course of the sun through the firmament*, (or in other words, of the earth around that luminary) and defying the most acute incredulist to deny their existence.

The four first of these houses, namely, the first, tenth, seventh, and fourth, are termed *angles*, as being of the greatest strength and power ; the next four are termed *succeedents*, as being of less energy, but still next in sympathetic power, and are the second, fifth, eighth, and eleventh houses. The weakest of all in influence are the *cadent*, which are the third, ninth, sixth, and twelfth houses ; and it is not without reason that these divisions are made, which the attentive student, who wishes to read the true language of the stars, will most readily discover ; in which respect he will reap the benefit of the “labors of ages,” and from the rust of antiquity will distinguish the true polish of substantial science.

Thus far having shown the manner of dividing the heavens into the *four* quarters, which it is seen is formed by *nature*, we will attempt to show it in a yet more clear manner how these are again subdivided into three each, comprising in all twelve divisions, called the *twelve celestial houses*. If the first degree of *Aries*, the beginning of the zodiac, rising in the east, the opposite point of the zodiac (the first degree of *Libra*) must be setting at the same moment. If then, we examine the heavens, we shall find that on the meridian (north) will be found the first degree of *Cancer*, and on the opposite meridian (south) will be found the beginning of *Capricorn*. So each of these are 90 degrees distant from the east point or ascendant ; but, for the sake of yet more clearness, we will consider only the south meridian. If the sun be in the first degree of *Aries* when rising, and the planet Mars be in the first degree of *Capricorn* at the same time, he must be on the south meridian, and be also at 90 degrees distant

from the Sun, which is a *square* aspect to that body. If the Sun rise in the first degree of Aries, the day and night are then equal, each being twelve hours long. The sun rises in this case at six o'clock, comes to the south meridian at twelve, and sets at six in the evening; and if we suppose the planet Mars to remain *fixed* on the zenith, the Sun will, two hours after rising, be within sixty degrees of him, having passed *one-third* of the distance from the ascendant to the meridian or mid-heaven; this is a *sextile* aspect to the south angle, having passed from figure 1 to figure twelve in the diagram. It will be seen this quadrant or fourth part of the circle 90 degrees, is capable of being again divided into three equal parts, 30 degrees each as being one-third of 90 degrees, and as each of the four quadrants contain the same number of spaces or houses, this of course constitutes 12 parts or houses in the whole circle. Again it appears that one-third of the half of the arc formed by the Sun in his daily course being completed, he is found at (figure 12) a *sextile* aspect to the south meridian. Of course he must then be 30 degrees (a *semi-sextile*) from the horizon, or ascendant. This being *one-third of one-quarter* of the heavens, is *one-twelfth part of the whole*, and thus constitutes *one house*. In two hours more the Sun proceeds upwards another 30 degrees (figure 11,) and arrives at the distance of 60 degrees from the ascendant, and thirty degrees to the mid-heaven. This forms another *third* of the quarter contained between the east and the meridian and becomes another *house*. When he arrives at the mid-heaven at noon, he has passed a third *house*; whence it appears that there are *three houses* between the horizon and meridian, and the *beginning* of each is in aspect to *both* of those points. It is this circumstance of their being in aspect and being found to operate *certain effects* which they do not when otherwise situated, that undoubtedly first gave rise to the division of the heavens into the *twelve houses*. It is likewise plain in passing from the mid-heaven to the western horizon, similar positions are formed; as also in passing from the western horizon to the north meridian and again to the place of sun-rise, in the east, each quadrant of the heavens produces three houses—each hemisphere contains six; there are of course twelve houses. If the star or planet be not on the equator, in the first point of Aries or Libra its semi-diurnal arc will be more or less than 90 degrees in proportion to the amount of its declination. Thus far we think we have shown a clear illustration of the aspects, and the twelve houses and the principles of Astrology only require to be known and properly understood to be appreciated. The principle evil which is effected or which has ever been produced to Astrology, have been effected from ignorant pretenders and impostors who do not understand the science, but who adopt the art as a profession for the entire purpose of robbing their fellow creatures and of accumulating wealth. This has been the case with that impostor in Locust street, as recent exposures in the “the Sunday Globe” have shown. The Globe has had an unprecedented sale since it commenced these revelations. We are glad to see this exposure. The great evil, however, in consequence of this: it operates to induce the public to conclude, every person who is in any way whatever connected with the profession of Astrology, is of a similar description, namely, vile impostors.

We have before repeatedly stated in the Horoscope this stupid, in Locust street, knew nothing whatever of the rules or principles of Astrology, that he even does not know the difference of the character of one sign of the zodiac from another. Yet notwithstanding the large amount of wealth which he has

accumulated from this operation seems to be really astonishing. It is stated he has the amount of forty thousand dollars in his possession, and which he dare not invest, for reasons best known to himself. If this is so, this alone would prove him to be a stupid and a complete fool in all respects—but in cheatery. Else why not go to some place where he could invest the money, and where it would rapidly accumulate from interest.

The Theatres.

A well regulated stage is a school of morals and good education, an encourager of wit and learning, and an ornament to society. DR. JOHNSON.

All the Theatres are in full blast, and doing a good business. The Arch, the Walnut, the Chesnut, and the National.

The Walnut has an excellent stock company; we have not seen a better one for many years. The very talented, accomplished, and popular actress Miss Julia Bennett, from the Haymarket Theatre, has been playing with great success. The beautiful and talented actress Miss Julia Dean is now engaged at this place. No doubt the Walnut will be a place of great attraction during her stay. The beautiful and accomplished actress Miss Davenport, has been very successful with her engagement at the Chesnut. At the Arch, Mrs. Farren, the popular American actress, is engaged for a limited period, and no doubt will draw crowded houses. The manager, Professor Risley, of the National, has engaged a most efficient and talented French Ballet Troupe. We have not seen any thing equal to it since we visited Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, London, when on a trip to that metropolis in 1847, and at the time Jenny Lind was engaged at the above Theatre. We have not the least doubt they will be appreciated by the public and that they will have a brilliant season.

Barnum, at the Museum, seems determined if money will make his place attractive by engaging the highest talent, he will effect it.

Joseph R. Chandler.

JOSEPH R. CHANDLER's nativity dates August 25, 1792. He has the Moon in Scorpio at his birth, in opposition with the malific Saturn, yet the Sun is in sextile with the Moon. The positions seem rather favorable for him at present, but on the 25th of next August, his birth day, the Moon which signifies his friends will be in square, evil aspect to the malific planets Saturn and Herschel, which indicates sickness or danger to him. The benevolent orb of Jupiter will be transiting over the Moon's place in his horoscope in November, 1851, the sign Scrcpio which should prove very prosperous and fortunate for him.

